

THE OLD YEAR.

Another eventful year is come to its last hours. So eventful has it been that one must either be content with a general retrospect of its occurrences or set at work like an encyclopedist and dig up its data and resurrect its long line of ghostly statistics. We will none of this latter ghoully business. The year has been as good and as bad as any—as prolific of good fortune to the lucky and as full of grief to the unfortunate. Ships have come home laden with wealth and bringing happy hearts; and ships have gone down in the tempest-swept sea, burying out of sight all hope and life and earthly joy. Health as ruddy and valiant and strong as ever blessed mankind has been perfected and preserved and enjoyed; and cities and hearthstones have been made mournful and desolate by the fell terrors of plague and death. There has been prosperity on one side, and woe and disaster on the other; there have been grand triumphs of the arts of peace on one hand, and dreadful sacrifices to the merciless spirit of revenge as their effect. So the world has jugged on apace, and the nervous life and almost fierce activities of this latter half of the nineteenth century have lost none of their intensity in this new exhausted year. As to Nevada, the old year finds her in the midst of the most promising period that she has ever seen. In this western part of the State the promise is encouraging beyond precedent. The sustaining power of business enterprises is the great Comstock. It never gave signs of surety and long continuance of wealth-producing before. The developments indicate a mass of rich ore such as was never dreamed of ten years ago. This means prosperity, permanence and wide-spread wealth. It means everything for Carson. That body of ore in the Virginia Consolidated justifies the enlargement of one's house and grounds, the planting of additional trees, and the extension of permanent improvements. That prospect in the Ophir gives an enhanced value to real estate; and the opening of new breasts and leads of the precious quartz in the Belcher and Crown Point make Carson as solid a town as stands anywhere, this side the Alleghenies. So, so far as our own home figuring and calculating go, '73 has done handsomely by us. With what we've got and what seems sure of coming our way we are as well to do as any little community that may be found for the searching. Moreover, what is better than all, we've health here. Much more of this, to the square inch, than in the most of places. They will miss it and regret it who leave Nevada for pastures new. This has no equal as a home for the poor man. His chances are better here, and help is easier of attainment than elsewhere. The old year has proved all this. Standing upon that eminence on the brink of time which permits us to look out over the broad expanse of a New Year we discern the signs of the coming of yet broader and better opportunities for the attainment of happiness and prosperity. And not withholding any of that sympathy which the kinship of humanity demands of us for the suffering side of life, we may look into the future gleefully and full of hope—blessing our stars meanwhile that time deals so generously with us all and promises us with such magnificent tokens of continued good fortune.

Owen Cannon, who, we fear, is not as lightsome as "the gay carol of a passing bird," is accused of an attempt to commit the crime of rape upon the person of old mother Stock, at San Francisco. This is not a favorable time for any outrages upon Stocks, and Owen is in hock—letly and serve him right.

One dispatch says that Senor Castelar will have a majority in the Cortes, and another says that Serrano will be placed at the head of affairs and be backed by the Great Powers.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company will hereafter send but one steamer per month to China.

The Cartagena insurgents are about to take water, and to that end are rigging up a fleet.

SCARLATINA prevails in the southern part of the city of San Francisco.

ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAMS' VINDICATION.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—A Washington special says: Attorney-General Williams has received several dispatches from Oregon in regard to the charges made here relative to the alleged removal of United States District Attorney Gibbs, for improper reasons. The fact appears to be that although Anthony Mallory has been notified of his appointment, in place of Gibbs, the latter has been retained in office especially to try the cases of which complaint has been made. These trials have taken place the present month, and the last was disposed of the present week. Under date of December 24 Mr. Williams received a dispatch from Portland, saying: "Two of the cases have been tried and the defendants have been acquitted and the same result is expected in the other cases; no foundation existing for the suits, they were lost by want of evidence. The opinion is that Gibbs desired removal and the result has completely vindicated your action. Seventeen of the jury have united in stating that Gibbs' assertions are false." The Judiciary Committee of the Senate have not been in session during the past week, and only three members have remained in the city. There has, consequently, been no report agreed upon. It is true, however, that individual members of the committee, previous to adjournment, made statements which are regarded as absolutely precluding favorable action by the Senate in the matter. While the President has since his return, stated that he did not intend to withdraw the nomination, there is good authority for the assertion that he is not raising, and does not raise, any issue whatever with Senators in regard to the matter, leaving action in the case wholly to their judgment.

It is evident that somebody or some busy faction is fighting Williams very savagely. But Grant will stick to him—as he should—and the Senate will confirm him, Senator Edmunds to the contrary notwithstanding.

The *Vindex* is probably at the bottom of the sea. She could settle all boisterous by going to Davy Jones' Locker. We guess she was sunk as per Uncle Sam's programme. Possibly it was a secret agreement among the Washington big wigs, diplomats from abroad, and all, that that's what should settle her. Down among the cuttle-fish and sea urchins is a good place for her. She has caused quite as much trouble and grief and woe as any one ship ever ought to. Here are the latest press dispatch gossippings about her:

New York, December 29.—John F. Patterson, of this city, has sent a letter to Secretary Fish, dated December 26, declaring that he is the registered owner of the steamer *Virginias*. He protests against the opinion of the Attorney General, by which he and his vessel were condemned on ex parte testimony furnished by Spain. He states that the Senator of the Treasury gave him a bill of sale of the steamer, and thereupon he (Patterson) truly swore he was her owner, and the Government gave her an American register, which has ever since protected her. He says any testimony charging perjury on his part is false. He has hitherto kept silent by the advice of counsel, and because he has not been notified or called upon by the Government to testify or defend himself in relation to the matter. He requests that a copy of the evidence upon which the *Virginias* and he were condemned by the Attorney General be sent him, and that he be notified of the time and place for the examination of any other witnesses. A copy of the letter has also been sent to the Attorney General.

Quarantine Landing, S. I., December 29.—The United States steamer *Ossipee* passed Quarantine about 11 p. m., followed by the revenue cutter *Grant*. She did not stop at Quarantine and could not be boarded. She did not have the *Virginias* in tow.

New York, December 29.—The United States District Attorney concluded the investigation of the *Virginias* prisoners this afternoon, and they were landed and taken in charge by the representatives of the Cuban Junta.

The *Tribune* says no tidings can be obtained concerning the *Virginias*. She can hardly have been left in the lower bay, since the tide is in every way most favorable to towing her in. It seems to be the general opinion that the *Virginias* was either cast adrift or accidentally separated from the *Ossipee* during the terrible storm of the 25th inst. All recent reports have represented her as being in a leaky and generally disordered condition. Experienced mariners express the opinion that she would hardly have been able to withstand the recent gales which all the incoming vessels have reported. Nothing definite could be learned, however, at the hour of going to press.

Guess they scuttled her by way of calling the previous question on all discussion concerning her ownership, and register.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

New York, December 30.—Early this morning a fire broke out in the five-story building, No. 68 Green street, and before the flames were extinguished damage was done to the amount of nearly \$200,000. Sauer & Bro., dealers in caps and furs, lose \$100,000. Thomas J. Cook & Co., and K. J. Wool, commission house, lose \$10,000 each. Syl. vester, Brush & Co., dealers in furs, lose

\$50,000. The building was damaged to the extent of \$10,000.

When the United States steamer *Ossipee* was boarded soon after her arrival here, the absence of the steamer *Virginias*, which vessel the former was commissioned to bring into port, was explained, and the startling intelligence communicated that the *Virginias*, which was alone in a leaky condition, had, when off Cape Fear, and in sight of land, and in spite of all the efforts of the crew aboard her, settled and gone to bottom. The *Times* further adds that the officer of the deck of the *Ossipee* said he had strict orders not to communicate with anybody in relation to circumstances attending the foundering of the vessel. He would not even give the date of the occurrence or the place where it happened. He, however, made no attempt to deny the accuracy of the report as to the foundering.

The Captain of the revenue cutter *Grant*, who boarded the *Ossipee*, is reported to have said that the Captain of the latter vessel informed him that the *Virginias* had been lost off Cape Fear. Although no official announcement has been made of the loss of the *Virginias*, no one doubts the truth of the statement.

A dispatch from Wilmington, N. C., reports a sunken vessel, supposed to be the *Virginias*, nine miles south of the main bar.

After the landing at the yard last evening of the surviving members of the passengers and crew of the *Virginias*, they marched in regular line to Fulton ferry, taking a boat through to New York, and thence proceeding to the Cuban restaurant on Pine street, where they were hospitably entertained. They were clad in navy uniforms of the United States, and marched briskly through the streets, showing no signs of recent suffering. When transferred to a tug boat from the steamer *Junata*, which carried them to this port from Santiago, they gave rousing cheers for their several benefactors, leading off with three for the commander of the British steamer *Niobe*, to whom they are indebted for preserving their lives.

San Francisco, December 30.—The habeas corpus case of Kinsey and wife, and three others, charged with the murder of Harvey Green at Pescadero, came before the Fourth District to-day, on the habeas corpus, but was continued till next Friday, to allow counsel to digest the written testimony taken in San Mateo county.

The delegation of five Pima and Maricopa Indians, who have been through the Indian Territory under charge of J. D. Walker, sailed for Arizona this morning.

There have been heavy rain storms here. The total fall for the season is 10 35.100 inches.

The China steamer is not yet telegraphed.

Under Grant's recent proclamation to deserters from the army and navy, forty-three deserters from Arizona regiments have reported for duty here.

The mining stock excitement is unabated here. The Board of Brokers voted \$2,500 as a present to Howard O'Neil, the caller, to-day.

Greenbacks, 90¢, 91¢.

A SPLENDID CONFERENCE WAS HELD on the 9th of October a gentleman named Frederick Delagrange appeared at the office of the French Prefecture of Police, and said the evening before, at the Theater Francaise, he had become acquainted with a young lady, in one of the proscenium boxes, who had told him her name was the Princess Elvira de Silva, from Rio Janeiro. After the performance he had escorted her to the Cafe Tortonia, where they had supper, and where she had asked him for a loan of two thousand francs, which he had given her in four five hundred franc notes, receiving as security two magnificent bracelets, studded with what he believed to be diamonds. Next morning a jeweler had pronounced the stones to be paste, and estimated the bracelets at less than one hundred francs. He asked for an order of arrest for Senora de Silva. The detectives found the woman in a disreputable house in the Rue de Breda. She acknowledged the truth of the charge and said, with tearful eyes, "I would like to make a statement." She then told a most startling story. She was, she said, 26 years of age, a native of Havana, of American parents. Her real name was Anna Brewer. Yellow fever had killed both her parents in 1857. Then a United States officer had taken charge of her, and had taken her to California. But, he being of a despotic turn of mind, she had run away, and gone to Acapulco, where a French merchant had made her his mistress under promise of marriage. She lived with him for two years, when he deserted her, and she went to the City of Mexico, where a French officer married her. His name was Fanduin, and she was appointed lady of honor to the Empress Carlotta. A difficulty with her husband caused her to leave Mexico in 1866. She went to New York, where she remained several months, and then sailed for Paris, where she had an audience with the Empress Eugenie, who gave her fifty thousand francs. Her husband having died in Mexico, she went to Vienna, where the Archduchess Sophia, Maximilian's mother, received her with open arms, and gave her a pension of five hundred florins a year, which was withdrawn from her three months later. Since then the prisoner said she had led a life of gilded wretchedness, living with all sorts of adventurers; and only necessity had compelled her to resort to operations like that for which she had been apprehended.

Owens, the comedian, (Solon Shingle) is recovering from his late injuries.

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